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MISSION PROGRAM FOR DAMASCUS FOLLOWS:

1. MAY 30, FRIDAY:
1730 ARRIVAL VIA SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES FLIGHT RB 352
FROM CAIRO. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER RODERICK M. WRIGHT
WILL MEET AND TRANSPORT TO DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL BY
RENTED BUS. EVENING FREE.

2. MAY 31, SATURDAY:
0900 TO 1000. BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR MURPHY AND
EMBASSY STAFF AT HOTEL.
1030 TO 1330. MEETING AT HOTEL WITH OFFICIALS OF UNION
OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY (UNITEXTIL) AND TOP MANAGERS OF PUB-
LICLY OWNED MISSL UNDER THEIR SUPERVISION.
1330 TO 1600. LUNCH HOSTED BY UNITEXTIL.
1600 TO 1730. FREE TIME.
1900 TO 2100. RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AT HIS
RESIDENCE. ESTIMATED NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE 300 (INCLUDING
WIVES). GUESTS WILL INCLUDE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR
OFFICIALS, PROSPECTIVE AGENTS, AND KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
IN ECONOMIC SECTOR.

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3. JUNE 1, SUNDAY:

0900 TO 1300. VISITS TO UNITED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (CARPET FACTORY) AND UNITED ARAB INDUSTRIAL CORP PLANT NEAR DAMASCUS.

1300 TO 1400. LUNCH.

1400 TO 1700. INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS.

1800 TO 2100. MEETING WITH CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES BOARD AT CHAMBER BUILDING. OFFICIALS OF PRIVATELY OWNED MILLS IN DAMASCUS AND ALEPPO WILL BE INVITED.

4. JUNE 2, MONDAY:

0900 TO 1330. PLANT VISITS TO MODERN INDUSTRIES CORP AND UNITED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL CORP (MAIN PLANT). ALSO, NYLON CRIMPING CORP FOR SYNTHETICS.

1400 TO 1600. LUNCH HOSTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

1600 TO 1800. FOLLOW-UP AND INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS.

REST OF EVENING FREE. MISSION ENDS.

5. COMMERCE BUDGET:

M.D. SUITE (FOUR DAYS AT \$50)	\$200
BIC&5/31	175
SECRETARY-RECEPTIONIST	
(THREE DAYS AT \$20)	60
INTERPRETERS (FIVE AT \$15 -	
THREE HOURS JUNE 1	75
PUBLICITY - AN-NAHAR NEWSPAPER	300
PHOTOS	50
MISCELLANEOUS	140
TOTAL	\$1,000

6. SPECIAL MISSION FUND (SMF)

RECEPTION (300 AT \$1.65)	\$500
BUS RENTAL (THREE DAYS AT \$122)	365
INVITATIONS	20
REFRESHMENTS (MISSION SUITE)	15
TOTAL	\$900

7. COMMENTS:

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(A) SITUATION IN SYRIA SIMILAR TO EGYPT IN THAT IT NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH DOMINANT PUBLIC SECTOR THRU DESIGNATED OFFICIALS WHO PREFER GROUP MEETINGS RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS. HOWEVER, IN ALL CASES AMPLE TIME HAS BEEN ALLOTTED FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING PLANT VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) COTTON GINNING ACTIVITY CONCENTRATED IN ALEPPO

AREA. THEREFORE, GLISSON WILL BE SEPARATED FROM GROUP IMMEDIATELY AFTER AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFING ON MAY 31 AND WILL DEPART FOR ALEPPO BY CAR. UNITEXTIL PROVIDING CAR AND ESCORT TO ACT AS INTERPRETER AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR GLISSON IN ALEPPO. GLISSON AND ESCORT WILL RETURN DAMASCUS MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2.

(C) INTEREST IN MISSION'S VISIT HIGH AND AO WISHES EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR OUTSTANDING COOPERATION OF EMBASSY AND USIS STAFFS, PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SARG OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY UNITEXTIL. DEPARTING FOR CASABLANCE TO BRIEF MISSION.
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